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For: METHODS FOR RELATIVE QUANTIFICATION OF SPECIFIC  
NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 25, 2009 in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants submit a Petition for Extension of Time for one month, the appropriate Fee and the following Amendment.

**Listing of the Claims** begins on **page 2** of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on **page 9** of this paper.

**Exhibit A** is attached herewith.